

THE OLD NORTH STATE.

A SUPPOSED CLUE TO THE MURDERERS OF THE McDONALDS.

Peg-Leg Williams, the Negro Exoduster, Responsible for the Emigration of the Harnett Third Parties.

SALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 3.—Special.—News is received here to-day from Moore county that several parties are under suspicion for the horrible tragedy enacted there, but as yet no one has been arrested, and the perpetrator of the crime seems to be shrouded in great mystery. Great excitement is reported, and it is said that if suspicion fastens upon any one, he will fare badly.

It was learned to-day that "Peg-Leg" Williams, the veteran negro exodus agent, who moved many negroes from North Carolina South a few years ago, is responsible for the Third party band emigrating from Harnett county to Texas last week, and that he is making up other parties to follow.

An interesting murder case has been set to come up next Wednesday in the United States Court. It is the case of Zachariah Rhoads, charged with murder in Duplin county. The case was moved to the United States Court here, because it was said Rhoads could not get a fair trial. A special venire of one hundred men has been summoned, and completed the canvass of the electoral vote at 10 o'clock to-night, with the following result: Cleveland, 122,951; Harrison, 100,346; Weaver, 44,732; Bidwell (Prohibitionist), 2,556.

OFFICIAL FIGURES.

Births, Deaths, Arrests and Marriages. Game of Football Postponed.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 3.—Special.—The figures in the office of City Clerk Young show that there were twenty-five deaths in Asheville during the month of November—ten colored and fifteen white. During October there were eleven births—ten white and one colored. The police records show 105 arrests in November; the total amount of fines was \$407.75. According to the Register of Deaths Mackey, who dispenses marriage licenses for a small consideration, there were thirty-five marriages during November—twenty-five white and ten colored.

W. R. Gales, assistant State secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, will begin a series of evangelistic meetings next Monday, which will be held every day up to and including December 10th. There will be a meeting at the Baptist church next Sunday to make preliminary arrangements for the work, at which Mr. Gales will make a short address on the progress of the Association work in the South, accepted an invitation to deliver a short gospel address. The ladies are very much interested in the work, and will assist Mr. Gales in every possible way in order to make his work here a success.

The game of football scheduled to be played by Blenheim and Asheville on the Kenilworth grounds next Saturday has been postponed for a while. Some of the Blenheimites have never recovered from the untoward physical effects of the last game. The conditions of the proposed game are such, understand, that Asheville will have to take off some of her heaviest men. Invitations are out to the approaching nationals of C. W. Thornburg, superintendent of the Asheville Telephone Exchange, and Miss Susie Adams, of Raleigh, N. C., which will occur in the First Baptist church of that place on December 8th, at 8:30 o'clock.

Internal revenue collections for the Fifth North Carolina district yesterday amounted to \$2,001.57.

The Asheville doctors are going to make an effort to get the next Legislature to give more power to the board of health of the city, and thus increase its usefulness. They say, under the present law, they are almost powerless to bring the city up to proper sanitary condition. Dr. Von Buck is agitating the matter, and at the next meeting of the Medical Society will ask for the appointment of a committee whose special duty it shall be to consider this matter.

The charity ball, in aid of the Free Kindergarten of Asheville, was a great success. It occurred in the old Comopolitan club-room, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. Dancing began at 10 o'clock and closed at 12, when supper was served. The ball was largely attended by the swell set in town. A telegram received last night from E. B. Lewis, delegate from the Asheville Light Infantry to the convention of officers of the Fourth regiment, North Carolina State Guard, announces that the following officers were elected: Colonel, J. M. Ayers, Jr., heretofore captain of the Stateville company; Lieutenant Colonel, Major Young, of the First battalion at Charlotte; Major of First Battalion, E. P. Mangum, of Concord; Major of Second Battalion, O. W. Budd, of Asheville, N. C. Military men here seem well satisfied with the selection. A L. Glover, formerly of Asheville, has been arrested in Philadelphia, and is held for extradition, under the charge of obtaining money under false pretences. The Kaolin Company, of this place, are the complainants. Glover was very popular while here and made many friends. A mountain was aflame last night. It was a beautiful sight from the city. It is supposed some farmer was burning off an old field of straw and the fire got beyond his control.

FISHING CREEK ASSOCIATION

To be Cleaned Out to the Government's Expense When There Are Draw-Bridges.

WELDON, N. C., Dec. 3.—Special.—Several years ago Congress made an appropriation to clean out Fishing creek, which is partly in Edgecombe and partly in this county. The creek could be made navigable from where it enters Tar river to Bellamy's Mill, in this county, as is shown by the report of the United States civil engineer in charge. The famous Cotton Oil Mills of Tarboro wish to put a steamer on this creek, and have written asking the engineer why it is that the appropriation had not been used. He replied that the money appropriated for the creek may be applied whenever draws are provided in such bridges as are, in the opinion of the engineer in charge, unreasonable obstructions to navigation. He says he has no information that the draws have been provided, and he cannot lawfully apply the money until they have been. It has been suggested that the Oil Mills make an attempt to navigate the stream, and, failing, to bring suit for damages against the counties for obstructing it, and thus force the authorities to put in draws.

A number of special revenue officers made a raid in Wilkes county this week, destroying ten illicit distilleries and hundreds of gallons of liquor.

Albert Renn, thirteen years old, a son of James A. Renn, is no doubt the youngest stationary engineer in the State. He handles the rock-crusher in Granville county with as much pains and skill as if he were an old veteran in the cause.

ELECTION OF MILITARY OFFICERS.

Old North State's Smoking Tobacco—The Schofield Revival Meetings.

REIDSVILLE, N. C., Dec. 3.—Special.—The Third regiment at Durham on Thursday re-elected W. A. Bobbitt, colonel and G. W. Howlett lieutenant-colonel. Henry Perry, of Henderson, was elected major of the First battalion, and J. N. Craig, of Reidsville, major of the Second battalion. Before the meeting adjourned James D. Glenn was endorsed for adjutant-general under Governor-elect Carr.

Mr. R. P. Richardson, Jr., has bought back the entire plant of R. P. Richardson, Jr., & Co., who manufactured Old North State smoking tobacco. Several weeks ago Captain A. E. Walters bought the plant, but sold it.

Mr. Schofield closed his revival at the Methodist church Wednesday night.

Mr. J. S. Pinnix and Miss Lilly Pinnix, both of this place, were married at the

Baptist church Thursday night. Rev. J. A. Howard performing the ceremony. Mr. James W. Peay, a large hardware merchant, was married on the 30th of November, N. C. Mr. Peay is a well-known business man of this place. The bride is the widow of the late Lytt Cobb. They will reside here.

PETERSBURG'S CIRCUIT COURT.

Depositions in the Tennant-Dunlop Case. A Deer Killed in a Remarkable Way.

PETERSBURG, VA., Dec. 3.—Special.—The Circuit Court of Petersburg, Judge R. A. Hancock, presiding, will open on Monday next. There are several coupon cases to be heard at this term. Most of the depositions in the suit of Tennant against Dunlop have been taken, and it is against Dunlop have been taken, and it is possible that the suit may be heard at this session of the court. The amount involved in this suit, the details of which have been already published in this correspondence, is about \$75,000.

A day or two ago, Mr. A. A. Traylor, of this city, in company with some friends, was hunting in Sussex county, when their dog jumped a deer. The deer ran by the hunters, and when within a few feet of them, struck his head against the stump of a tree and was almost instantly killed.

Rev. A. R. Goodchild, formerly general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Petersburg, is in the city.

Mr. Fred Wells, an aged citizen of Dinwiddie county, had the misfortune a few days ago to fall against his bedstead and break his leg. He was alone at the time of the accident, and lay on the floor for twenty-four hours before his condition was discovered.

CASE OF DENNIS ROE.

The Accused Found Guilty, But an Appeal Taken to the Circuit Court.

NOTTOWAY, C. H., Dec. 3.—Special.—The county court has been in session three days. Most of the time has been taken up in the trial of Dennis Roe (colored), for perjury. The jury found the accused guilty, and fixed his punishment at thirty days in jail and twenty-five dollars fine. An appeal was taken to the circuit court, and the accused was admitted to bail in the sum of \$100.

This case grew out of a suit for damages by one John Jones (colored) against the Norfolk and Western railroad, as far back as 1888, and has been before the county court more than six months. Roe has been at large on his own recognizance during all that time. Counsel will follow the case to the supreme court.

Lexington.

LEXINGTON, VA., Dec. 3.—A reception was given by Mrs. John Carmichael to the members of the Greek Letter Kappa Alpha Fraternity of Washington and Lee University on Friday night from 7:30 to 11. The hall and parlors were beautifully decorated in the colors of the fraternity, crimson and old gold, while the chairs and other furniture bore in the same appropriate manner many a letter reminder of the well known secret college order. Supper was served at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Carmichael was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Morgan Pendleton. There were several of Lexington's most charming young ladies present. They were: Miss Semmes, Miss Elise Semmes, Miss Ellen Lee, Miss Shino, Miss Lacy Shipp, Miss Mary Preston, Graham, Miss Allen and Miss Janette Allen. The Kappa

Alphas were: Major Beverly Tucker and Hon. Greenlee D. Letcher, of Lexington; Messrs. J. A. D'Armond, W. W. Sale, M. Moore, Chester McRea, Thomas W. Shilton, J. W. McDonald, J. R. T. Carmichael, J. N. Goode, J. O. Houston and E. P. Cole, of Washington and Lee, and Mr. Edward Cook, of New York.

The return of Miss Maggie Freeland to Lexington to spend the winter, was a cause of great pleasure to her many friends here. With her came Miss Bettie Clark, of Clarke county. Miss Carrie Moore, of Richmond, is also her guest.

An event in the county, which attracted the presence of several of our people, was the marriage at Collierstown of Mr. Stewart Argyle Letcher, of Cincinnati, and Miss Mary Grace Bulk, of Lexington.

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Mr. Elmer J. Smart, of the Dover (N. H.) bar, spent several days here this week on business. He was accompanied by his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Irvine have gone to Bluefield, W. Va., to live.

Mrs. Winfield Liggett, of Harrisonburg, and Mrs. S. P. Miller, of Elkton, are the guests of Mrs. Judge McLaughlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch White, of Lynchburg, returned home yesterday from a visit to the former's parents here.

Major E. H. Smith has returned home from a visit to Lynchburg.

Congressman Epes is at Washington and Lee visiting his son.

Mr. C. M. Piggett, cashier of Bank of Lexington, has returned from a week's visit to Pinebluff.

Arrangements have been completed for a Hop at the Virginia Military Institute Friday night.

RACKET BROUGHT BACK.

The Young Man Was Arrested in Port Jervis, N. Y.

S. W. Rackett, the young man who was indicted in Henrico County Court some months ago for the betrayal of Miss Yeamans after promise of marriage, has been brought back to Virginia. He was arrested and held in Port Jervis, and the sheriff of Henrico county took the necessary papers there for him several days since, returning last night.

Miss Yeamans lives in the county, near Twenty-first street extended.

Rackett was taken to the city jail, as the county jail is not yet finished, and Henrico prisoners are lodged in the city jail.

The young man talked freely to the sheriff, and came back willingly, he said, remarking that he wished to return, but did not have the amount of the fine.

He mentioned to the sheriff that he never told the young lady he would marry her, among other matters, but would not talk for publication to any one.

It is learned that Rackett and a brother of his had been living together in Monroe, N. Y., since he left here.

A month ago Sheriff Solomon located Rackett there, and telegraphed the sheriff of that place to arrest him.

The sheriff did not know which Rackett was wanted, so the brother of the man charged with the offense, Edward Rackett, was arrested.

This was thought to have been understood and arranged between them, and S. W. Rackett escaped.

He was followed to Port Jervis, N. Y., and the story of his arrest and return to Richmond has been told.

The brother, Edward Rackett, was released on the finding out that he was not the man wanted.

the line would reach from Aspinwall to Panama. These engines are broad gauge and can never be used on any road in the world. Then after being exposed to the weather for a number of years the boilers and most delicate machinery must rust away and become useless.

"From end to end of the line of the projected canal at intervals of a mile are villages of say fifty houses each, designed for the occupancy of the superintendents and skilled French workmen. Every one of these portable houses was manufactured in France and transported to the isthmus at an enormous expense. Was that a swindle, or shall I say incompetency? Could they not have got their lumber in Florida at a very much less expense? Those houses are dilapidated to the last degree. The roofs are broken in and the stiltis upon which they stand have sunken so far into the mud and swamps that the occupants have been compelled to abandon the lower floor and go up stairs one flight. They are occupied by a remnant of the former population of Jamaica negroes (canal laborers) who are in the sunshine. God only knows how they live, or rather exist, in these slime-covered swamps, or what they live upon.

"We saw many of the old dredges that cost hundreds of thousands of dollars lying in the canal excavations. They were housed in and painted red, and presented a rather neat appearance; but an engineer on board told me that should the company resume operations an entire new plant would be required, as the present was practically worthless. Why, the division superintendents of the canal work were veritable Monte Cristos. I was told that one of them constructed a palace and grounds at a cost of 2,000,000 francs, and then, with a foresight that characterized the management of the whole canal scheme, he saw that this place was inaccessible, and proceeded to build a road leading up to it from the railroad at an expenditure of 400,000 francs."

DEATH OF MRS. MILLER.

Meeting of the Mary Washington Monument Association Set for Tuesday.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Dec. 3.—Special.—Mrs. Mary Louisa Miller, wife of Mr. T. K. Miller, daughter of Mrs. L. S. Bradley and sister of Mr. W. E. Bradley, of this city, died yesterday at her home on Eutaw Place, Baltimore, aged forty-two years. Her mother and sister, Mrs. A. B. Yates, both of this city, were present at the time of her death, and Mr. W. E. Bradley left last night for Baltimore. The funeral will take place from her late residence Sunday evening at 2 o'clock.

A meeting of the Mary Washington Monument Association will be held in their rooms next Tuesday evening at 4:30 o'clock.

Mr. Joshua Fletcher, of Fauquier county, shipped this week a car load of cattle averaging 1,800 pounds each. They will be exported to Europe and sold in the London market.

Mr. Fleming Scholer succeeds the late J. J. Berry, Sr., as bookkeeper at the Eagle Shoe Factory, in this city.

The friends of Colonel S. Wellford Corbin, of King George county, will urge his name for appointment as Assistant Secretary of Agriculture under President Cleveland.

A new modern dwelling, erected by a syndicate in the western portion of the city, was sold by public auction and purchased by the Hon. M. B. Rowe, who has already refused a handsome advance above the cost price.

Sunday and World's Fair.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—There is a strong and rapidly-growing moral and religious sentiment in favor of the repeal of the World's Fair Sunday closing act. One eminent divine after another is coming out in favor of this liberal movement. Mr. J. R. Thompson, secretary of the World's Fair Sunday Opening Association, has received a letter from his brother, Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore, saying that the Sunday closing would be very unfortunate, for many thousands would be tempted to spend the day in dissipation, and he would favor the opening of the Fair on Sunday afternoons to evening, with the proviso that all mechanical and laboring work that will not be urgently necessary should cease.

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Catarrh is very prevalent in and about Richmond, and sufferers of the dread malady should not fail to visit Dr. Coates. He is a thorough physician, having graduated with original honors at the Baltimore Medical College and the University of Pennsylvania. He also received special instructions from the late Dr. Haynes Agnew. In appearance he is not yet what might be called "middle-aged."

Dr. Coates has able assistants, one of them a graduate of that famed institution, the Medical College of Maryland.

I found Dr. Coates in his handsome, well-furnished offices at 708 East Franklin street yesterday. I was ushered into a receiving room, which by its decorations spoke well for the refined taste of the owner. Later I found myself in a rear apartment, the doctor's operating room.

There on the large table was the paraphernalia used by Dr. Coates, and his bottles, instruments, lay about the table with that "professional" disorder characteristic of a busy man. The room is a cozy one, full of light, and the doctor proved to be charming company.

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